

## FERGUSON GOLD DISTRICT.

Sam Godbe's Proposition to New York Capitalists.

WILL BUY A STAMP MILL.

OUTPUT OF ORE AND BILLION FOR LAST WEEK.

The Stars and Stripes Now Floating from the Great Stack at the Copper Plant-Iron County's Resources—Blanchard Mine Leased.

Several days ago The Herald contained an interview with W. S. Godbe, on the Ferguson district below Pioche. The gentleman expressed the view that before spring many of the large properties in that district would change hands, and a great boom be the result. S. T. Godbe is now in the east negotiating some of these deals, and on Saturday last was interviewed at Denver by a Rocky Mountain News reporter. The News contains the following interesting account:

S. T. Godbe, one of the pioneer mine superintendents of southwestern Nevada, is at the Brown hotel, Mr. Godbe carries in his pocket a \$450,000 gold proposition that will astonish New York capitalists. He has succeeded in effecting a temporary lull in hostilities between two big mining companies, at Kesterson, both of which have located on a forty-foot vein of mineralized quartzite. The companies have agreed to part with the bonanza if \$450,000 is offered. Mr. Godbe confidently expects to place the property.

"The vein has been developed," said he last night, "to a depth of 200 feet, and at a moderate estimate \$1,000,000 of clean profit is now in sight. More than \$30,000 has been received for ore shipped from the two properties, although this shipment required a wagon half of 100 miles to the nearest railroad."

In coming to Denver, the visitor made a trip of thirty miles over the completed portion of the Nevada Southern road. He says the region for 200 miles is awaiting the advent of the railroad to spring into prominence as one of the most remarkable mining regions the world has ever known. Every week new discoveries are reported, and as the ore is free milling and labor is plentiful, the prospects of rapid development are exceedingly bright.

At Pioche, in the northern part of the district, the Mormons opened lead mines thirty-five and forty years ago, which are still good producers. The lead ore was hauled by the Mormon 500 miles in wagons to be cast into bullets for Brigham Young's army. At Pioche, where Mr. Godbe spent seven years, he is also to be seen the most expensive piece of pumping machinery in the United States. A Cornish pump is shown which cost when in position the magnificent sum of \$34,000. The same kind of a pump may now be bought for \$40,000. The miners of Pioche, according to Mr. Godbe, have produced \$20,000,000, having turned out 200,000 tons of ore at an average value of \$100 a ton. The ore was hauled 100 to 200 miles before reaching a railroad.

Mr. Godbe will buy a stamp mill in Denver before leaving for New York. He is also authorized to secure bids on a large plant to be used at one of the mining gold mines. Denver, he says, is considered by miners of southwestern Nevada as the natural supply point of their region. They prefer the machinery bought in Denver to the old-style machinery of San Francisco.

ORE AND BILLION.

The Output for Last Week Shows an Increase.

The ore and bullion shipments for the week ending Dec. 16, aggregated 3,331,122 pounds, a considerable increase over the week previous. In detail it was as follows:

22 cars bullion..... 865,307 pounds

12 cars copper matte.... 471,390 pounds

23 cars copper bullion.... 142,485 pounds

26 cars silver and lead..... 2,219,240 pounds

ore..... 2,691,122 pounds

AT THE COPPER PLANT.

The Stars and Stripes Now Floating from the Great Stack.

The stars and stripes now fly from the top of the great smoke and fume stack at the copper plant, just 100 feet up into the blue. In the construction of the stack, which was completed last night, 400,000 bricks have been used.

Work at the plant is progressing very rapidly, though some delay is being caused by the failure to arrive at the ten cars of machinery and heavy

iron which were shipped from Chicago over two weeks ago. Several of the outside buildings are already completed and the main structures will be completed rapidly as possible. It is expected that the plant will be in operation by the middle of January. When the plant first starts up it will treat 150 tons of ore per day and the capacity will be increased as the works get into proper shape.

IRON COUNTY'S RESOURCES.

Great Coal Fields and Immense Deposits of Iron.

In last week's issue we mentioned the fact that around Cedar City there existed immense quantities of coal of excellent quality, says the Iron County Record.

These coal beds have been utilized by the people of southern Utah since 1852; but the veins are so large and so numerous that the coal already exhausted would not detract from the remaining deposits more than the taking away of a straw would visibly diminish the size of a straw stack.

In this is almost the Coal Creek canyon—the Wood & Jensen mine, a tunnel has been driven in on an eight foot vein for a distance of 700 feet and it is considered that a better quality of coal than ever is now being encountered.

In Cedar canyon the coal beds are large and the veins well defined. Mr. Dutton, lessee of the best properties in this canyon, is enthusiastic over the outlook for the future that the existence of this coal holds forth. In his estimation the supply is inexhaustible; and for many years could supply this western country and the Pacific coast with coal for furnaces and domestic use.

These coal beds have been pretty much taken up, and very largely so by capitalists on the outside. Of course not a thousandth part of the coal bearing fields have been taken; but the keys have been secured in almost every accessible place in the canyon. In fact it is almost the same as holding title to all of the deposits which extend back into the mountains, as to locate behind the first claimant would be out of the question.

Some of the coal from these mines cokes very readily, and is therefore valuable for smelting purposes. In fact it has already been tested on iron county iron ore, both magnetic and hematite, with gratifying success, some of which tests were made as far back as 1852. We are not mistaken when we say that the furnaces were constructed in the valley, and the product of the blast, in the shape of pig iron, was shipped to Salt Lake. The great distance to the coast, prohibited any extended traffic in this line, and it was not many years later before the iron houses, claiming this commodity cheaper than it could be delivered from this point.

Consequently the iron industry in this country was almost completely displaced. It has not been lost sight of, however. The conjunction of both coal and iron ore in this locality will yet cause the attention of this entire country to be directed this way.

Southern California is without coal. Our local deposits are within her reach. Los Angeles wants the products of our coal fields, and is building a railroad from Blake, on the Atlantic & Pacific, the ultimate object of which is to penetrate the country and open up the wealth of ore above described.

This road once built—and it is coming this way as fast as possible—capital will follow in its wake, and in the valley huge furnaces will be built, large iron and steel works will be established, and from iron county will go the manufactured iron and steel for the consumption in the hundreds of industries in our great and growing west.

This railroad enterprise, the market thus opened, our coal, and the assured establishment of iron works in this country, are not all the advantages to be derived from the foreign recognition of our mineral resources, for there are other interests here which will be favorably affected thereby, the nature of which our readers can easily surmise, but the consideration of which we will defer until another time.

MINING NOTES.

Silver, 79; lead, \$3.10.

T. R. Jones & Co. received: Bullion, \$8,100; ores, \$5,290.

Wells, Fargo & Co. received yesterday: Mingo bullion, \$6,921.

McCormick & Co. received: Hannauer bullion, \$3,650; silver and lead ores, \$7,100.

Several Cedar City citizens are thinking of leaving soon for Gold Basin, in northwestern Arizona, south of the Colorado river. They will haul ore from the mines at Gold Basin to Kingstons, and freight goods back, Gold Basin is about 200 miles from Cedar City.

Iron County Record.

The Little Ray mine, located at Bligham, has been leased by Messrs. Chas. Steel, Joseph Helmick and Henry Hardcastle, and development work will be begun at once. The property, which is situated about one mile northwest of the Lucky Boy mine, promises good results and the lessees expect to be well rewarded for their labor during the coming year. The owners of the property are Messrs. John Hardcastle, Geo. W. Jenkins, Wm. W. Jenkins and Chas. Steel.

## JOHN DOYLE'S AFFIDAVIT.

The Dying Man Exonerates French and Golden.

A PRIEST'S TESTIMONY.

DOYLE'S CONFESSION WAS ORIGINALLY MADE TO HIM.

The Documents Received by Governor West from Los Angeles Yesterday—His Excellency Will Probably Take No Action in the Matter.

Governor West yesterday received from Los Angeles the confession made by John Doyle on his deathbed, in which he exonerates M. M. French and William Golden from all connection with the burning of the Novelty theatre at Ogden, for which offense Golden is now serving a term in the penitentiary.

The documents came by mail, and across the face of the envelope was written the word "Important." The package contained an explanatory letter from the notary who took the depositions, reading as follows:

FROM THE NOTARY.

Los Angeles, Dec. 16, 1895.

To His Excellency, the Governor of Utah.

Esteemed Sir—Enclosed you will please find the affidavits of John Doyle and Rev. Joseph Doyle, both of which are certified to by me, and the originals of both are now in my possession. Said John Doyle, who said affidavit in view of death, and made the confession therein contained to Rev. Joseph Doyle, in his capacity as a priest, and thereafter requested said priest to send for a notary, to take down the dying declarations of said John Doyle, to the end that the two affidavits now serving sentences in the penitentiary might be released. Under all the circumstances, I deem the matter of sufficient importance to justify the closest scrutiny on the part of your excellency.

Two innocent men, if they are innocent, should not be allowed to languish in the penitentiary for the crime of others.

The original affidavits are at the service of your excellency at any time you may call for them.

Very respectfully yours,

GEORGE J. LINDENFIELD.

101 Market street.

JOHN DOYLE'S DEPOSITION.

John Doyle, being duly sworn, deposes and says: My name is John Doyle. I am 46 years of age and a resident of Los Angeles, Cal., where I have lived on and off for 22 years, and during said period of 22 years, have lived at Ogden, Utah. That this affidavit by me is made under a real sense that I am at death's door, and cannot get well from my present attack of sickness. In view of death, I state that I was acquainted with M. M. French and William Golden, and knew them by sight for a month before the occurrence which I am about to relate, took place. I took a drink or two with them occasionally at said Ogden. That I am sensible of the fact that said M. M. French and William Golden, who are now serving a sentence in the Utah penitentiary, were convicted of the crime of arson, in the burning of the Novelty theatre at Ogden, Utah, on Fifth street, they having been convicted thereof by the Third district court of Utah, at Ogden, by trial jury, on the 14th day of December, 1891, are innocent of said crime of arson. That fact I know of my own knowledge. That I myself, together with a man named George Hogan, are the guilty parties. That on the 16th day of September, 1891, at 2 o'clock in the morning, I and the said George Hogan committed the said crime of arson, of which the said M. M. French and William Golden stand convicted. I, together with said George Hogan, committed the crime as follows: I and the said George Hogan had a row with the proprietor of said Novelty theatre, (Glorio I think is his name) about 11 o'clock on the night of the 14th or 15th of September, 1891, and after that we both got drunk and at 2 o'clock in the morning I and the said Hogan went to the rubbish, which ignited the theatre.

Witness, REV. JOSEPH DOYLE.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of Dec. 1895.

GEORGE J. LINDENFIELD.

Notary public in and for the county of Los Angeles, state of California.

THE PRIEST'S STATEMENT.

Rev. Jos. Doyle, being duly sworn, deposes and says: That my name is Rev. Jos. Doyle. That I am a priest of the Roman Catholic church and an assisting priest at the cathedral of Saint Vibiana, at the city of Los An-

geles, county of Los Angeles, state of California. That I was personally acquainted with John Doyle, who made his affidavit before Geo. J. Lindenfield, a notary public in and for the county of Los Angeles, state of California, on the 2nd day of December, 1895, relative to the burning of the Novelty theatre at Ogden. That I saw the said John Doyle sworn by said notary on said occasion and heard him make his said affidavit. That said John Doyle then and there made the statements as set out in said affidavit in view of death, in the full belief that they were his dying declarations. That said John Doyle was then and there in his last illness, he having died on the 3rd day of December, 1895, on the day after the making of his said affidavit, and further deponent saith not.

Subscribed and sworn to.

REV. JOSEPH DOYLE.

Notwithstanding the deathbed confession of John Doyle, there are some peculiar circumstances connected with this case which his explanation do not explain. The most important is that both Golden and French have admitted their guilt, and perhaps without the former admission, there would have been no conviction. Moreover, shortly after Governor West assumed the duties of his office, Golden put in a petition asking for a pardon. The principal ground upon which he based his claim for executive clemency was that he had assisted the prosecution in the trial of the case, and that although guilty, he had sincerely repented. Only a few days ago the governor was waited upon by Frank Munros and his wife, whose theatre was burned, and they urged his excellency to pardon the man. Nowhere does he set up the plea of innocence, and yet here is the testimony of one who was under the very shadow of death, that Golden is guilty.

Altogether it makes up a most peculiar case. As the matter stands now, this case which his explanation do not explain. The most important is that both Golden and French have admitted their guilt, and perhaps without the former admission, there would have been no conviction. Moreover, shortly after Governor West assumed the duties of his office, Golden put in a petition asking for a pardon. The principal ground upon which he based his claim for executive clemency was that he had assisted the prosecution in the trial of the case, and that although guilty, he had sincerely repented. Only a few days ago the governor was waited upon by Frank Munros and his wife, whose theatre was burned, and they urged his excellency to pardon the man. Nowhere does he set up the plea of innocence, and yet here is the testimony of one who was under the very shadow of death, that Golden is guilty.

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